

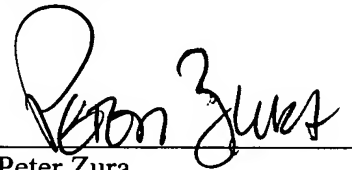
REMARKS

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendments, Fig. 1B has been removed from the present application and Fig. 1A has been re-designated as "Fig. 1". The sheets have been labeled as "Replacement Sheets" as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.121. Applicant respectfully submits that the specification and drawings of the present application are now consistent with one another.

Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. In light of the present amendments and the Response filed January 5, 2005 all pending claims are both novel and non-obvious over the art of record. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 1. This sheet, which includes Figs. 1 and 3, replaces the original sheet including Figs. 1A, 1B and 3.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet